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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 2

COORDINATION OF COLLECTION ACTIVITIES ABROAD*

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, and for the purposes enunciated in paragraphs (d) and (e) thereof, the National Security Council hereby authorizes and directs that the following over-all policies and objectives shall apply to the interdepartmental coordination of foreign intelligence collection activities not covered by other National Security Council Intelligence Directives to effect sound and efficient utilization of the various departmental and agency collecting and reporting facilities abroad:

** 1. Within broad categories of information, responsibility for collection activities not specifically covered in other Council Directives shall be allocated as follows:

a. The Department of State shall have primary responsibility for the collection of political and sociological information, and as a service of common concern for economic, scientific and technical information.

b. The Departments of the Army, Navy and Air Force shall have primary responsibility as a service of common concern for the collection of Army, Naval, and Air intelligence information respectively. Owing to the importance of scientific and technical intelligence to the military services, this collection responsibility shall include scientific, technical, and economic information pertinent to departmental missions:

* Outside the United States and its possessions.

** The USAF representative reserved his position on this paragraph

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Provided, That no undesirable duplication with other collection activities is involved.

c. The Atomic Energy Commission may collect such information as is necessary to the execution of its mission.

d. Intelligence information may be collected by the Central Intelligence Agency in support of assigned functions or as a by-product of the assigned functions: Provided, That no undesirable duplication of any of the specific assignments in paragraphs 1. a., b., or c., above is involved.

2. The Director of Central Intelligence, in consultation with the Intelligence Advisory Committee or individual members thereof, shall insure that planning for the utilization of the collecting and reporting capabilities for intelligence purposes of each of the agencies avoids undesirable duplication and uncoordinated overlap and provides adequate coverage for national security purposes.

3. The senior U.S. representative in each nation where the United States maintains a foreign post shall coordinate the collection activities in his area not covered by other National Security Council Intelligence Directives. Full utilization shall be made of the assigned duties, individual initiative, or favorable contacts of departmental and agency representatives.

4. Intelligence information collected in accordance with the terms of this Directive by any agency in the field shall, wherever possible, be transmitted immediately to the field representative of the agency having the collection responsibility assigned in paragraph 1 above, who shall then be responsible for its onward transmission: Provided, That the original collector shall not be enjoined from transmitting the information to his own headquarters.

5. Departments and Agencies assigned collection responsibilities under paragraph 1 above shall recognize the needs of the other Departments and Agencies in establishing collection programs.

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